

**AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS:**

The claims of the above-identified patent application are as follows:

1. (Canceled)
2. (Canceled)
3. (Canceled)
4. (Canceled)
5. (Canceled)
6. (Canceled)
7. (Currently Amended) A composition wherein said composition is a topical composition comprising therapeutically active amounts of a retinoid and from one to three oxygen-labile species selected from the group consisting of choleciferol, vitamin K, an ascorbic acid, a tocopherol; and a stabilizer compound comprising a stabilizing effective amount of N-acetylcysteine and wherein said composition is in a form selected from the group consisting of emulsions, creams, lotions, gels, essences, milks, toners, hydroalcoholic solutions, multivesicular systems, suspensions, patches, masks and sticks.
8. (Canceled)
9. (Canceled)
10. (Canceled)
11. (Canceled)
12. (Canceled)
13. (Canceled)
14. (Withdrawn) Compositions according to claim 7 wherein said compositions comprise lactoferrin or iniferine.
15. (Canceled)
16. (Withdrawn) A method of stabilizing compositions containing oil-soluble or water-soluble oxygen-labile species or combinations thereof comprising adding to said compositions oil-soluble or water-soluble oxygen-labile species one or more stabilizer compounds selected from the group consisting of:
  - a) thio-containing compounds; and
  - b) glycoproteins.
17. (Currently Amended) A composition wherein said composition is a topical composition comprising a retinoid and at least two oxygen-labile

species selected from the group consisting of choleciferol, vitamin K, an ascorbic acid, and a tocopherol; and a stabilizer compound comprising N-acetylcysteine and wherein said composition is in a form selected from the group consisting of emulsions, creams, lotions, gels, essences, milks, toners, hydroalcoholic solutions, multivesicular systems, suspensions, patches, masks and sticks.

18. (Original) A composition according to claim 7 wherein said composition further comprises at least one water-soluble oxygen-labile species selected from the group consisting of niacin, thiamine, riboflavin, folic acid, pyrodoxine, pantothenic acid, niacinamide, lipoic acid, dihydrolipoic acid, and an amino acid.

19. (Currently Amended) A composition wherein said composition is a topical composition comprising therapeutically active amounts of at least one oxygen-labile species selected from the group consisting of a retinoid, choleciferol, vitamin K, an ascorbic acid, and a tocopherol; and a stabilizer compound comprising N-acetylcysteine wherein said oxygen-labile species are a retinoid, a tocopherol and an ascorbic acid and wherein said composition is in a form selected from the group consisting of emulsions, creams, lotions, gels, essences, milks, toners, hydroalcoholic solutions, multivesicular systems, suspensions, patches, masks and sticks.

20. (Currently Canceled)

21. (Original) A composition according to claim 7 wherein said oxygen-labile species are a retinoid and an ascorbic acid.

22. (Currently Amended) A composition comprising a retinoid in an amount of about 0.01% to about 10% by weight of the composition, a tocopherol in an amount of about 0.01% to about 10% by weight of the composition and an ascorbic acid in an amount of about 0.01% to about 20% by weight of the composition and N-acetylcysteine in an amount of about 0.001% to about 5% by weight of the composition and wherein said composition is in a form selected from the group consisting of emulsions, creams, lotions, gels, essences, milks, toners, hydroalcoholic solutions, multivesicular systems, suspensions, patches, masks and sticks.

23. (Currently Amended) A composition wherein said composition is a topical composition comprising a retinoid in an amount of about 0.01% to about 10% by weight of the composition, a tocopherol in an amount of about 0.01% to about 10% by weight of the composition and an ascorbic acid in an

amount of about 0.01% to about 20% by weight of the composition N-acetylcysteine in an amount of about 0.001% to about 5% by weight of the composition and wherein said composition is in a form selected from the group consisting of emulsions, creams, lotions, gels, essences, milks, toners, hydroalcoholic solutions, multivesicular systems, suspensions, patches, masks and sticks.

24. (Currently Amended) A composition wherein said composition is a topical composition comprising an ascorbic acid in an amount of about 0.01% to about 5% by weight of the composition, a retinoid in the amount of from about 0.01% to about 10% by weight of the composition and N-acetylcysteine in an amount of about 0.001% to about 0.1% by weight of the composition and wherein said composition is in a form selected from the group consisting of emulsions, creams, lotions, gels, essences, milks, toners, hydroalcoholic solutions, multivesicular systems, suspensions, patches, masks and sticks.

25. (Newly added) A composition wherein said composition is a topical composition comprising therapeutically active amounts of oxygen-labile species selected from the group consisting of retinoids, choleciferol, vitamin K, an ascorbic acid and a tocopherol; and a stabilizer compound comprising a stabilizing effective amount of N-acetylcysteine wherein said oxygen-labile species are a retinoid and an ascorbic acid and wherein said composition is in a form selected from the group consisting of emulsions, creams, lotions, gels, essences, milks, toners, hydroalcoholic solutions, multivesicular systems, suspensions, patches, masks and sticks.